re>**Title:** Need to allocate sufficient funds to State Government of Tamil Nadu for purchasing the handloom cloth from weavers with a view to protect their interests-Laid. SHRI C. GOPAL (ARAKKONAM): Sir, I wish to bring to the notice of the House the problem of the weavers in Tamil Nadu. Next to agriculture, weaving is the backbone of our nation. In Tamil Nadu, there are more than 30 lakh people involved in the weaving profession. Now, it is learnt that there is stagnation of handloom clothes worth about Rs.600 crore. Therefore, I request the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Minister of Textiles to release sufficient funds, i.e., some Rs.300 crore to Tamil Nadu for purchasing the handloom clothes which are in stagnation. The condition of the weavers in Tamil Nadu is not good. They are suffering for want of food. I request the hon. Prime Minister to wipe out their loans obtained from nationalised banks.